

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION**

**In re: BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC., ) Master File No. IP 00-9373-C-B/S  
TIRES PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION ) MDL NO. 1373**

**THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO**

**Haenske v. Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc., et al., ) IP 01-5325-C-B/S  
Hempel v. Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc., et al., ) IP 01-5326-C-B/S  
Blochwitz v. Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc., et al., ) IP 01-5327-C-B/S**

**ENTRY FOR APRIL 25, 2002**

The parties appeared, by counsel, this date for a telephonic conference to discuss the issue of the depositions of three physicians, one from Germany and one from Venezuela, that are scheduled to proceed during the next two weeks—specifically on April 26<sup>th</sup>, April 29<sup>th</sup>, and May 7<sup>th</sup>. The defendants feel they are unable to prepare adequately for these depositions because they have not yet received complete records of the physicians' treatment of the plaintiffs. The German physician, whose deposition is set for April 26<sup>th</sup>, has already arrived in this country and has a return ticket for April 28<sup>th</sup>; the remaining deponents have not yet left Venezuela. All of the physicians have agreed to bring complete sets of the relevant records with them.

The magistrate judge, having heard argument from both sides, determines that the deposition scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> shall be postponed until April 27<sup>th</sup>, so that the defendants and their consultants may review the medical records prior to the deposition. As for the two remaining depositions, the magistrate judge determines that those are best postponed until after the defendants receive the relevant records and have a chance to review them. Plaintiffs shall arrange for the physicians to forward all relevant records to plaintiffs' counsel as soon as possible; plaintiffs' counsel shall then forward them to defendants' counsel, and counsel shall

schedule new dates for the two depositions.

ENTERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April 2002.

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V. Sue Shields  
United States Magistrate Judge  
Southern District of Indiana

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